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HUNTING.

ANOTHER meeting of the supporters of the West Norfolk Hunt is to be held at Norwich, on the 5th of March, to receive a report from the committee appointed to consider Mr. Villabier's retirement. The mastership has been offered to Mr. A. Hammond, jun.

Some gentlemen in the neighbourhood of Witham, Essex, are endeavouring to raise a subscription pack of beagles. Since the sale of the famous Honeywood stock, the want of some organisation of the kind has been much felt in the locality.

It is stated that the Burton hounds will remain under the mastership of Lord Henry Bentinck, who had contemplated hunting Berkshire. One of the newest projected Lincolnshire railways proposes to cross his lordship's training ground.

An adjourned meeting of the members of the Suffolk Hunt is to be held early next week, to consider its position in consequence of Mr. Joseph's resignation of the mastership.

Mr. STRATFORD resigns the mastership of the West Kent Hounds at the end of the season, when Humphrey Pearse will be open to an engagement.

Sax Huns, for many years huntsman to the Suffolk Hounds, was killed on Saturday week by a fall from his horse.

During the past week a valuable hunter belonging to His Grace the Duke of Hamilton, who is in residence at Christ Church, Oxford, was suffocated in his stable at Mr. Toller's. The roof, by some means yet unaccounted for, became ignited, and the fire, it is supposed, smothered during the night, and on the door being opened in the morning, it burst into flames, which were, however, soon extinguished, though the horse was found suffocated.

QUOITING.

The match between J. Thorp, of Tyldesley, and W. Gregory, of Wetherington, to play a game at quoits, 18 yds distance, stiff sticking clay ends, 61 shots up, for £10 a side, came off at the Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester, last Monday afternoon. The betting was even, Thorp having the call at the finish. The result of the game was that Thorp scored 61, whilst Gregory was only 26, and Thorp was consequently declared the winner. Mr. Thomas Hayes (the proprietor of the grounds) was stakeholder and referee.

WITTAKER and BOARDMAN.—On account of the match between W. Whitaker, of Salford, and T. Boardman, jun., of Chesterwood, to play a game at quoits, 18 yds distance, stiff sticking clay ends, 61 up, for £25 (open for £50) a side, the stakeholder has £5 a side, and £10 is due from each man this day (Saturday). To take place at the City Grounds, Manchester, March 26.

CHESS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLACKHEATH CHESS CLUB.—The Annual General Meeting of this society was held at their club-room, Royal Parade, Blackheath, a few evenings since. In the absence of the president, H. Gover, Esq., the chair was taken by S. Green, Esq. The annual report was read by the chairman, who, in moving its adoption, congratulated the members upon the prosperous condition of the club, and upon the interest evinced by many of the leading metropolitan amateurs for the welfare of the club. The officers and members of the committee having been re-elected, and the remainder of the business disposed of, a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

ST. JAMES'S AND BLACKHEATH CHESS CLUBS.—We have great pleasure in announcing that the challenge for a friendly contest sent by the St. James's Chess Club to the Blackheath Chess Club has been accepted. The first meeting will take place at the Blackheath Chess Club on the first Tuesday in March. The return match will be played at the St. James's Chess Club. The president of the Blackheath Chess Club, Mr. Gover, and the treasurer, Mr. Barber, have become members of the St. James's Chess Club. It may also be mentioned that the presidents of the St. George's and the London Chess Clubs are members of the St. James's—a gratifying testimony to the universal and Catholic character of this society.

HENRY HUNTER, who has become quite a favourite in our chess circles, is a frequent visitor at the club, and has proved himself a player of very high power. Last week he engaged in a consultation game, playing against three members of the St. James's, and carrying the victory.

JUMPING.—SHIPS INN, AULSHAW.—Mr. Holden has now £2 lbs. each for the match between J. Jarrett, of Heywood, and H. Artington, of Aulshaw, to jump at one stand buck jump, for £10 a side, here, on Saturday, March 5.

CRICKET.

NORTH AND SOUTH OF FLEET-STREET TRADESMEN'S UNITED CLUB.—This club, although only established about twelve months ago, consists now of about 70 members, many of whom possess a vast amount of cricket ability, and they proved very successful in their matches of last year. At a meeting lately held at their club-house, Mr. Whittaker, the Hon. East, Dorset-street, Salisbury-square, officers for the ensuing season were elected, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Drew, stated the funds to be in a most prosperous condition, and that they would shortly be able to arrange matches with other friendly opponents or any similar club to their own within 10 miles of the metropolis. To further

the interests of the club it was determined that a ball should take place to celebrate their first anniversary, and the event accordingly took place on Thursday evening at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kensington-park, when an excellent company of about 150 were present, and dancing was kept up with much spirit to the enlivening strains of Mr. Martin's quadrille band till an early hour in the morning. Mr. J. Drummond was indefatigable in his exertions as M.C., the ball proving a great success.

SURREY V. YORKSHIRE AND SURREY V. KENT.—The days originally fixed in the programme for these great county matches have by mutual consent been transposed, so that the former will commence on June 13, at Sheffield, and the latter on July 7, at Gravesend.

SURREY V. SOUTH OF ENGLAND (RETURN MATCH).—We are given to understand that the committee of the Sussex County Club has relinquished the idea of playing this match at Brighton, on the ground that time would all then be obtaining the necessary subscriptions.

ROYAL GUN FACTORIES CLUB.—A meeting of the committee of this club has been lately held for the purpose of making arrangements for the ensuing season, and they will be glad to receive challenges from any amateur club within 11 or 15 miles from London for day matches or half-day matches on Saturday afternoons. Any communication with respect to the above will receive due attention if addressed to Mr. John Wickham, Secretary, Royal Gun Factories Club, Woolwich Arsenal.

PURNEY CLARENCE CLUB.—A meeting of the members of this club took place last week at Mr. Guy's, Haldimont Tavern, Putney, when several new members were enrolled. The funds of the club were reported to be in a very satisfactory state. The club would be happy to arrange matches with any similar amateur club or with the old friends and opponents, especially Kennington, Weybridge, Eton, and Croydon. The following were elected officers for the year:—President, Mr. J. Roseblade; Treasurer, Mr. W. Guy; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. J. Richards; Committee, Messrs. J. Stephens, S. White, F. Mortimer, G. Down, and W. Bernish.

KNUR AND SPELL.

LEWIS.—A match to play a game at knur and spell, has been made between J. Farrar, of Baitley, and W. Horrocks, of Gildersome, for £25 a side. Mr. R. Kell, Low Moor, who is appointed stakeholder and referee, has decided that the match shall be played at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, on March 25. The match is fixed to be commenced off at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, on March 25.

RABBIT COURSEING.

DROMOTER.—FLORA AND DETCHMAN.—The conditions of this match were for Mr. Bates's Flora and Mr. Robinson's Detchman to run the first eight courses out of fifteen for £25 a side, 50 yds law, Flora being allowed three points. The match took place Mr. Bates's ground on Saturday last, and at 6 to 4 on Dutchman there was deal of the circulating medium speculated. Mr. Bates was chosen to act as judge, and all being in readiness the first rabbit was turned out. The running from the commencement to the finish afforded good sport, being keenly contested on the part of the "tykes," Dutchman proving the winner, as notwithstanding the three dead rabbits allowed, he soon picked up the odds, and won the match by one point, scoring 8 to 7. In the days of the old Copenhagen Grounds this sport used to be somewhat popular, but since then has not been much followed by the metropolitans.

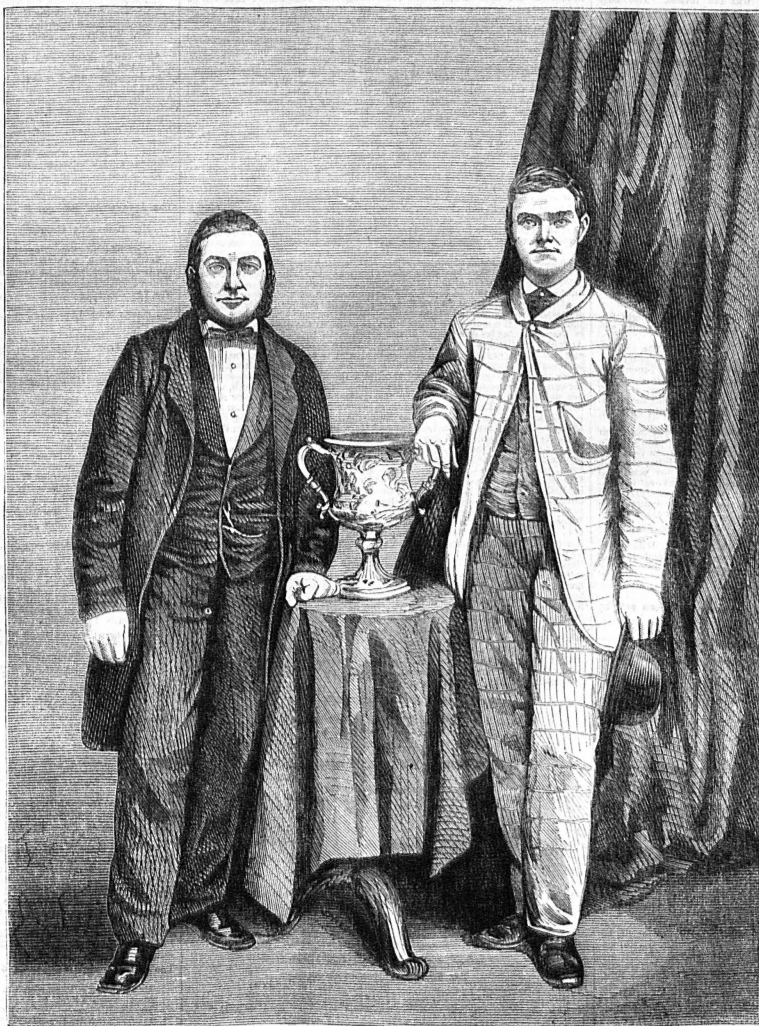
BOW.—The whole of the money has been made good for the match between Boston's Bell and Joe Tucker's Wink 15 courses and the former getting a dead rabbit, and the affair comes off at Bow on Monday next. It is for £10 a side.

QUAKAT (GR. HAARENS).—A match has been made between Mr. Lee's bitch Gips and Mr. Fell's bitch Rose the best of 21 courses, Rose to have two dead rabbits. To run on Feb. 27. £7 is now down. Snob and Spot also run the best of 31 courses, on March 15, for £20 a side, Snob to have two dead rabbits.

LEWIS.—A match to run the best of 15 courses for £10 a side, has been made between J. Miller's dog Wallace, of Bradford, and Aaron Rawley's bitch Bea and her dog to be decided in 11/12. The first deposit has been placed in the hands of Mr. G. Bennett, who is appointed referee. To be run at St. Thomas's Grounds, Stainley, on Saturday, March 12.

PURNEY.—Mr. O. Lindley, Junction Inn, Purney, will give £10 to be run for at rabbits by dogs of any breed, not weighing more than 20lb. First prize, £7; second, £2; third, £1. All entries of 6s. each to be made at the above inn, on or before March 19, at twelve o'clock. To be run on that day and on March 27.

PUTNEY AND FLINT.—The deposit due for the match to run the best of 17 courses at rabbits, for £10 a side, between J. Hargreaves's bitch Flints and J. Tidwell's bitch Flint has been received. It is fixed to be run at the Junction Inn, Putney, on Saturday, Feb. 27.



WILLIAM LANG, THE CHAMPION RUNNER, AND JESSE SMITH, OF MAIDEN LANE.

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